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First Named Inventor	DeBorde
Art Unit	3618
Examiner Name	Hau Van Phan
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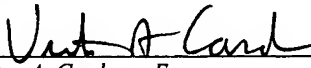
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 2, 2003, and the March 25, 2004 Advisory Action in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The three-month period for response expired on March 2, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed along with a petition for a two-month extension of time, and corresponding extension of time fee in the amount of \$420.00, and a Request for Continued Examination, and the corresponding filing fee in the amount of \$770.00.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.